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**AMENDMENT**

*Via EFS-webfile or facsimile to 001-571-273-8300, to:*

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Dear Sirs,

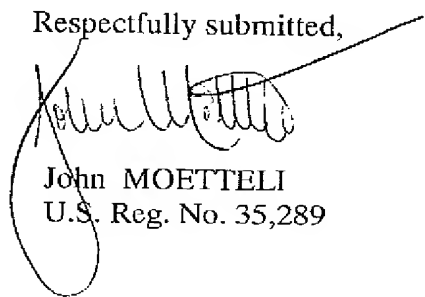
In response to the Official Action dated January 7, 2009, Applicant requests that the Office enter the following marked amendments to the claims, which begin on page 3 of this response. Remarks begin on page 7 of this response.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance. No new matter has been entered by this amendment. If the Examiner has further questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at phone 011-4171-230-1000, fax at 011-4171-230-1001 (Switzerland is 6 hours ahead of Eastern Std Time), or e-mail at [moetteli@patentinfo.net](mailto:moetteli@patentinfo.net).

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136 for a period of one month and the Undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee or credit any overpayment of any fee under 37 CFR §1.16 and §1.17 which may be required in this application to the deposit account of MOETTELI & ASSOCIES SARL, no. 50-2621.

Date : April 8, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Enclosure:    marked up claims  
                 Remarks